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Applicant(s) : Gary Dean LaVon et al.

Filed : 12 March 2004

Title : Simple Disposable Absorbent Article Having Breathable Side Barriers

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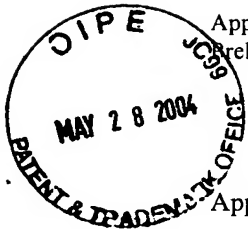
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Please enter the following amendments to the subject Application.

**Amendments to the drawing figures** are described on page 2 of this paper and are shown on the attached replacement drawing sheets 3/10 and 4/10.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The following changes are shown on the attached replacement drawing sheets **3/10** and **4/10**.

**Drawing Sheet 3/10**

In **Figure 3**, the depiction of **attachment zones 251a** and **251b** has been clarified by showing these elements as having a visible thickness, rather than as having “zero” thickness as in the originally submitted figure.

In **Figure 3** and **Figure 6**, the reference numeral **22** has been deleted because this reference numeral is not used in the subject Application.

In **Figure 3**, **Figure 4**, **Figure 5**, and **Figure 6**, the **left side edge 237a** and the **right side edge 237b** of the **absorbent assembly 200** have been identified by their respective reference numerals in order to facilitate reference to this figure.

**Drawing Sheet 4/10**

**Figure 9** has been changed to correctly identify the **front waist edge** in the left hand portion of the figure by changing the reference numeral from **138** to **136**.